Appendix.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 930 asked by Sri S. M. Annamalai (on behalf of Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar) at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 21st March 1959, page 203 supra.]

In order to improve the milk supply in the Madras City the following steps were taken :—

(i) State loan to the extent of Rs. 2 lakhs was issued to enable the members of the affiliated societies of the Madras Co-operative Milk Supply Union to purchase milch animals and to replace their dry stock.

(ii) Credit accommodation to the extent of Rs. 4 lakhs was obtained from the Reserve Bank of India in favour of the Madras District Co-operative Central Bank for financing the Madras Milk Supply Union for the purchase of milch animals by members of the Feeder Societies.

(iii) Periodical line meetings were held in order to discuss the problem of increasing the milk production with the Feeder Societies.

(iv) The daily average production of milk in 1958 was 7,557 Madras measures as against 7,514 Madras measures in 1957. Steps are being taken to induce the members to purchase high breed animals by advancing loans to the extent of Rs. 1,000 for each member in order to increase the milk production.

2. In order to improve the milk production capacity of the Union still further, it is proposed to open two new routes on which more feeder milk supply societies would be formed and more milk tapped. In order to enable the Union to collect the milk from these new routes, sanction has been accorded to the purchase of two milk vans at a cost of Rs. 56,000 during 1958–59 under the Second Five-Year Plan.

3. Side by side with increased production, steps are being taken to build up the distribution side on efficient lines. During 1958–59, the Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 9,000 for the purchase of 100 more alluminium alloy cans of the right type for handling the milk and distributing it on hygienic lines. To augment the milk supply in the City, the Government Milk Factory is producing toned milk for sale to the public.

4. With a view to reorganizing the milk supply position in the City, a Milk Colony at Madhavaram has been proposed to be established under the Second Five-Year Plan. It is proposed to evacuate and accommodate 4,000 cattle in the Colony and also collect milk from rural areas for distribution in the City after processing. The construction of buildings for the first unit of 500 cattle is in progress. The New Zealand Government have offered aid to the tune of roughly Rs. 29 lakhs for the Dairy part of the Scheme. The Government have recently sanctioned the construction of buildings for accommodating three additional units of 500 animals each at a total cost of Rs. 33.50 lakhs.